THE RECTOR'S REPORT

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The task of a college is to provide an environment in which youth will be stimulated, not automatically to dissent or to conform, but to try to understand. The success of our efforts will ultimately depend perhaps on our graduates, but month in and month out we have faithfully sought to discharge our duty.

In August, when the year under report began, our concern was to gather a still larger teaching staff to our roster. Against five resignations, we recruited twenty new faculty members. Their task includes instruction in seven honours courses and twenty-eight different general courses with various majors or fields of concentration. At the beginning of the college year our faculty numbered 57 full-time members (21 of them Jesuits), and a further 11 part-time members assisted by 58 senior students; the Extension Department had a faculty of 36.

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September brought the students who were to prove us right in August in engaging so many professors. They numbered 1,087 an increase of 12.5% over the previous year, in full-time day registration. Another 634 students registered in the Extension Department to follow evening courses towards a bachelor's degree.

I may confess that at once the students proved a problem - not in any sinister sense, let me hastern to add - that October was to solve. In that month, the Honourable Paul Gérin-Lajoie, Minister of Youth, officially opened the Drummond Building to house the laboratories in physics, chemistry, geology and biology and provide additional space for classrooms and library. We have now increased our laboratory facilities by five times, and released other space for the growing needs of the engineering department and for increased provision of faculty offices... so vital for the counselling of students and for scholarly work of the professors themselves.

The events of November culminated in the presentation of Loyola's brief to the Parent Royal

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Commission. The official delegation, ten in number, had the enthusiastic assent of a full gallery to their careful argumentation. The brief itself and the presentation received warm commendation from the members of the Commission and from the French and English press. We must now await the Commission's report and the government's action.

In the spirit of Christmas, the College gave and received gifts. I note with gratitude the intention of Mrs. Kenneth McArdle to found a scholarship in memory of her late husband, an alumnus of Loyola, the decision of the Hamilton Watch Co. Limited of Canada to offer two handsome gift scholarships annually, one for excellence in Mathematics, and one for excellence in Accounting. The decision of Touche, Ross, Bailey & Smart, Chartered Accountants, to offer a bursary in the annual amount of $200. to a major in Accountancy. And the considerable addition which Loyola College Alumni Association has made to its programme of scholarships, bursaries and loans. To these donors and many others, particularly those who contribute to the

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Loyola Development Programme and the Annual Giving of the Alumni, the College is sincerely and prayerfully grateful. For its own part, Loyola has established scholarships in the annual value of $5,000. to permit the education of students from Africa preparing to serve their countries, scholarships for blind students, and an increase of more than one hundred per cent in the provision of bursaries. In this connection, I give special thanks to Dr. Blanar and the membership of the Scholarship Committee for a careful revision of the scholarship of the bursary programme. I also invite individuals and groups to assist us in this much-needed programme.

In January, students did not allow academic matters to detract from the success of the Great Loyola Carnival, but faculty was busy with its own scholarship and research. An IBM 16/20 digital computer was acquired and, under the direction of Mr. Prillo, is available for work in all faculties. Despite the heavy burden imposed by changes and additions to the curricula, and the restrictions arising out of inadequate facilities, the members of faculty have given abundant evidence of

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scholarly work and research. Six members of staff in chemistry and engineering have research projects supported by National Research Council; three in Economics are engaged on a project directed by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics; one in engineering and one in geology have been given grants by industry; one in biology is working under a grant of the National Research Council. In the Faculty of Arts, scholarly writings have been produced and published by professors in English, History, Modern Languages and Philosophy.

The History Department is preparing an African History Programme, directed by Dr. Savage and staffed by members of various departments, as a challenging and needed addition to Canadian Undergraduate opportunities. The History Department again, through Mr. LaPierre, is currently exploring the possibility of a special programme of French-Canadian studies. Similar things are planned in philosophy and theology, though currently at a less advanced stage, to provide the college with genuinely creative approaches to instruction and research.

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There is much more to tell about the studies undertaken by the professors but I hope that I have, by these few words, conveyed something of the scholarly activity that goes on at Loyola. One further index which I must not fail to mention is the decisively sharpened interest which students are showing in graduate work and in scholarly life as a career. The expansion of the honours programme and its recognition by the Université de Montréal have contributed to our new achievements in this area.

In February, the College lost the valuable services of Father McDonnell as Dean. It might have been in difficulty, had not Father MacPhee brought his considerable experience and energy to carry on Loyola's academic commitments. We are all grateful that, amid difficult circumstances and without notice, he should join his imperturbable manner and the universal respect of his colleagues to solid accomplishments.

He is to be relieved of this post so that he may again assume duties as head of the Physics Department (where Dr. Eappen so ably acted in his absence). He will be called on to supervise new courses required by the

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Honours Physics programme, and develop research projects to which the College is ready to allocate funds in the amount of $100,000. The new appointee to the position of Dean brings excellent qualifications for his new duties.

In February too, the College adopted a new and revised salary scale for all levels of faculty. We are happy to say that our scale is slightly higher than that published recently by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, and comes into effect on August 1st next. At the same time, the College appointed Mr. Lawrence M. Bessner C.A., head of the accounting department for fourteen years, to the rank of Assistant Professor. This appointment, so gratifying to graduates, students and colleagues, is a small acknowledgement of the excellent and unfailing service which Professor Bessner has so long rendered Loyola. It also entitles him to a still larger role in the future development of the College, and the Faculty of Commerce, in particular.

In March, the Dean, Professor Guadagni, Mr. Slattery and the Rector attended the Canadian Conference on Education as delegates of the National Conference of Universities and Colleges. There we studied and discussed

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the problems of education across the country, and brought back to our own situation new wisdom and new resolution for the problems ahead. About this time, too, the new Prime Minister of Canada visited the campus (Mr. Diefenbaker. Mr. Pearson, Mr. Thompson) or at least sent a principal aide (Mr. Douglas sent Dr. Oliver), and so did a host of other dignitaries from every walk of life to meet with our faculty and students, and to exchange views. Under the diligent arrangements made by Mr. Harry Round of the National Employment Service from his busy office on campus, forty-four major organizations of business and government sent representatives to Loyola to recruit our graduates. It will be clear, then, that the college maintains a close and mutually fruitful liaison with the general community.

In April we learned that two well-known members of faculty, Father Connor and Father Smith, were assigned to duties at Ignatius College, Guelph. We should like to pay a word of tribute to both of them for their significant contribution over many

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years to the advancement of Loyola and its students. We also received notice that three younger members of staff were to depart for further studies, and that Father Nelson was given a year's leave in Europe.

The Government of the Province passed an Order in Council authorizing a grant in the amount of $1,675,000. In addition, the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation approved a long-term loan to the College in the amount of $1,880,000. As a result of these awards, the College plans to begin work in the summer on buildings to house 306 college students and provide adequate dining facilities for the foreseeable future. And in the fall, the much-needed library building to house 150,000 volumes and seat 600 students will be started. We hope that both buildings will be ready for September 1963.

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With reference to the library, the laboratory for arts and, indeed, indispensable in any curriculum, Father Noll, the head librarian reports that 75% more books were borrowed this year than in the preceding year. Library purchases in the year under report were more than 400% more than in 1960-61, and the budget for next year will again double. Similarly, provision is made for considerable increase of full-time professional staff to serve library needs. For diligent and prudent recommendations of new purchases, I express gratitude to Dr. Buell and the members of the College Library Board. For thoughtful gifts to the Library, I express thanks to a great many benefactors. I look forward to reporting in the very near future a rate of readership that grows, under professorial guidance and motivation, as quickly as the rate of acquisition of books.

May of this year has brought to an end an era in the Athletic Programme of Loyola College. After years of devoted and energetic guidance of the college's intramural and extramural athletic programme, Mr. Edward Meagher is retiring to give all his attention to his

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duties in Loyola College High School. It is impossible for me to add anything to the tribute of his record: athletic excellence and achievement combined with the highest ideals of the college. He is to be succeeded by Mr. John Kennedy, formerly of the athletic staff at the University of Toronto.

May brings a historic convocation. The Honours students in Arts will receive the degree of the Univsité de Montréal acknowledging their special merit. And, for the first time too, the diploma bearing this College's name will be awarded to young ladies who have followed the course on campus.

May terminated a splended year in the Alumni Association under the presidency of Dr. Robert Brodrick (who has been re-elected for another term). If I may single out just one activity, it is the Alumni Annual Giving. Under the tireless chairmanship of Mr. James Wilson it has made excellent progress, bringing greater numbers of the alumni to the active support of the college's rising achievements.

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June should allow us to continue our search for another 29 full-time members of faculty to meet the plans for next year. Already at least seventeen have signified their intention of joining our efforts next year. I have, perhaps because the occasion is a festive one, touched only lightly on the problems, but I want to assure you that they exist and are better proof, I think, than statistics of any kind that the college is charged with dynamism.

July is the time of reckoning, to see if the academic dreams outfled the financial resources. Actually, they did by $78,000. That is the deficit before the contribution of services by the Jesuit community. But once that contribution is made our books balance for another year.

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